AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A medicament-containing particle wherein an unpleasant taste of the medicament is alleviated, which is obtainable by mixing and granulating a composition consisting essentially of the following ingredients:

(1) the medicament with an unpleasant taste,

(2) methylcellulose, and

(3) mannitol,

wherein the amount of the methylcellulose is ~~about~~ 0.8 to ~~about 10 parts~~5 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the medicament with an unpleasant taste, the amount of the mannitol is ~~about~~ 0.3 to ~~about~~ 12 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the methylcellulose, and ~~said particle lacks a coating~~wherein the methylcellulose does not overall cover over the medicament, and a part of the medicament exists on the surface of the particle.

2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The medicament-containing particle according to claim 1 ~~or 4~~ wherein the amount of the mannitol is ~~about~~ 0.5 to ~~about~~ 12 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the methylcellulose.

7. (Currently Amended) The medicament-containing particle according to claim 1 ~~or 4~~ wherein the amount of the mannitol is ~~about~~ 0.7 to ~~about~~ 7.5 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the methylcellulose.

8. (Previously Presented) The medicament-containing particle according to claim 1 wherein the mannitol is D-mannitol.

9. (Previously Presented) The medicament-containing particle according to claim 1 wherein the medicament with an unpleasant taste is 4-amino-5-chloro-2-ethoxy-N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-morpholinyl]methyl]benzamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. (Previously Presented) The medicament-containing particle according to claim 1 which is obtainable by mixing and granulating a composition consisting essentially of the following ingredients:
(1) (±)-4-amino-5-chloro-2-ethoxy-N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-morpholinyl]methyl]benzamide citrate dihydrate as a medicament,
(2) methylcellulose, and
(3) D-mannitol,
wherein the amount of the methylcellulose is about 0.8 to about 10 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of (±)-4-amino-5-chloro-2-ethoxy-N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-morpholinyl]-methyl]benzamide citrate, and
the amount of the D-mannitol is about 0.5 to about 12 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the methylcellulose.

11. (Currently Amended) A solid pharmaceutical preparation comprising the medicament-containing particle set forth in claim 1 and other pharmaceutically acceptable ingredients ~~for pharmaceutical preparation~~.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The solid pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 11 wherein the solid preparation is in the form of a tablet or a pill.

14. (Currently Amended) The solid pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 11 wherein the solid preparation is in the form of a granule, a fine granule or a powder.

15. (Currently Amended) The solid pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 11 which is an intrabuccally rapidly disintegrating preparation.

16. (Currently Amended) The solid pharmaceutical preparation according to claims 15 wherein the intrabuccally rapidly disintegrating preparation is in the form of a tablet.

17. (Currently Amended) The solid pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 15 wherein the intrabuccally rapidly disintegrating preparation is in the form of a granule, a fine granule, or a powder.

18. (Previously Presented) The intrabuccally rapidly disintegrating preparation set forth in claim 15 which is characterized by the following properties:

(i) disintegrating within 40 seconds on a tongue of a healthy adult with his mouth closed and without chewing,

(ii) dissolving at a substantial dissolution rate of 85% or more after 15 minutes according to the dissolution test described in the Japanese Pharmacopoeia XIV [using Method 2 (50 rpm) for tablets or Method 1 (50 rpm) for the form of a granule, a fine granule, or a powder, resolution medium : 900 mL of water], and

(iii) not substantially producing an unpleasant taste on setting the preparation in buccal cavity.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a medicament-containing particle wherein an unpleasant taste of the medicament is alleviated , comprising mixing and granulating a composition consisting essentially of the following ingredients, with water ~~or a water-containing solvent~~: (1) the medicament with an unpleasant taste, (2) methylcellulose whose amount is ~~about~~ 0.8 to ~~about~~ 10 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the medicament with an unpleasant taste

and (3) mannitol whose amount is ~~about~~ 0.3 to ~~about~~ 12 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the methylcellulose.

21. (Original) A commercial package which comprises the solid preparation set forth in claim 11 comprising 4-amino-5-chloro-2-ethoxy-N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-morpholinyl]methyl]benzamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as a medicament with an unpleasant taste; and a written matter as to the solid preparation, including a description on the outside of the package or in the written matter inside the package which intends that the solid preparation can/should be used for promoting gastrointestinal motility, improving postgastrectomy condition, or preventing/treating gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).

22. (Previously Presented) The medicament-containing particle according to claim 1 or 4 wherein the composition further consists of a binder.

23. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 20 wherein the composition further consists of a binder.

24. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation according to claim 11 wherein the medicament-containing particle further consists of a binder.

25. (Currently Amended) A medicament-containing particle wherein an unpleasant taste of the medicament is alleviated, which is obtainable by mixing and granulating a composition consisting of the following ingredients:

~~The medicament-containing particle according to claim 1 which consists of the following ingredients:~~

(1) a medicament with an unpleasant taste,

(2) methylcellulose, and

(3) mannitol

wherein the amount of the methylcellulose is 0.8 to 5 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the medicament with an unpleasant taste, the amount of the mannitol is 0.3 to 12 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the methylcellulose, and wherein the methylcellulose does not overall cover over the medicament, and a part of the medicament exists on the surface of the particle.

26. (Currently Amended) A medicament-containing particle wherein an unpleasant taste of the medicament is alleviated, which is obtainable by mixing and granulating a composition consisting of the following ingredients:~~The medicament-containing particle according to claim 1 which consists of the following ingredients:~~

(1) a medicament with an unpleasant taste,

(2) methylcellulose,

(3) mannitol, and

(4) a binder and/or fluidization agent

wherein the amount of the methylcellulose is 0.8 to 5 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the medicament with an unpleasant taste, the amount of the mannitol is 0.3 to 12 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the methylcellulose, and wherein the methylcellulose does not overall cover over the medicament, and a part of the medicament exists on the surface of the particle.

27. (Currently Amended) A medicament-containing particle wherein an unpleasant taste of the medicament is alleviated, which is obtainable by mixing and granulating a composition consisting of the following ingredients:~~The medicament-containing particle according to claim 1 which consists of the following ingredients:~~

(1) a medicament with an unpleasant taste,

(2) methylcellulose,

(3) mannitol, and

(4) 1 to 4 ingredients selected from the group consisting of a binder, a fluidization agent, a corrigent and a disintegrant, wherein the corrigent is one or more selected from the group consisting of neotame, thaumatin, aspartame, stevia, saccharin sodium, and sodium glutamate

wherein the amount of the methylcellulose is 0.8 to 5 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the medicament with an unpleasant taste, the amount of the mannitol is 0.3 to 12 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the methylcellulose, and wherein the methylcellulose does not overall cover over the medicament, and a part of the medicament exists on the surface of the particle.